

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 157927  
ORIGIN IO-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /015 R

DRAFTED BY IO/IEP:JDCASWELL  
APPROVED BY IO/IEP:DHCOHN  
IO/IEP:RAPOOLE  
IO/IEPAPOOLE

-----014511 212201Z /70

P 212046Z JUN 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK PRIORITY

UNCLAS STATE 157927

FOR RIEMER FROM CASWELL/POOLE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ECOSOC

SUBJECT: RESTRUCTURING: COMMENTS ON CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER

NO. 3

REF: CASWELL-RIEMER TELCON

1. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT WHEN THE COUNCIL ESTABLISHES ITS BIENNIAL WORK CALENDAR, THIS CALENDAR WOULD NOT SUBSEQUENTLY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE EXCEPT UNDER ONLY THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES. THE INTERESTS OF THE SECRETARIAT AND MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IN ORDERLY PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES DICTATE THAT SCHEDULED MEETINGS NOT BE "BUMPED" AT THE LAST MINUTE BY NEW UNDERTAKINGS.

2. PARA 3 REFERS TO COMPREHENSIVE REVIEWS OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS TOWARD IMPLEMENTING THE IDS.  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 157927

A. HOW WILL THESE BE STRUCTURED? AS SOS'S OR AS THE SUMMER SESSION?

B. NEED WE SPECIFY SESSIONS ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IDS? NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO DRAW UP A NEW IDS AFTER

THE PRESENT ONE ENDS THIS YEAR. AND EVEN IF A NEW IDS IS ADOPTED WE MAY DISPENSE WITH THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL PROCEDURE.

3. IF THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION IS TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY 1979 DOES THIS MEAN THAT ALL SUBSIDIARY BODIES SCHEDULED TO MEET BETWEEN NOW AND THEN WILL STILL MEET? E.G., POPULATION COMMISSION IN JANUARY 1979.

4. WILL THE PERIODICITY OF SOS'S WHICH REPLACE THE DISCONTINUED SUBSIDIARY BODIES BE DETERMINED AS PART OF THE RESTRUCTURING PACKAGE OR WILL IT BE DETERMINED AT EACH YEAR'S ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION OF ECOSOC? PARAGRAPH 6 SEEMS TO IMPLY THE LATTER, WHICH WOULD GIVE NO ASSURANCE SUBJECTS NOW COVERED BY SUBSIDIARY BODIES WON'T GET DROPPED IN SUCCEEDING BIENNIAL WORK PERIODS. ANY RESTRUCTURING PACKAGE THAT WE CAN ACCEPT SHOULD CONTAIN ASSURANCES THAT THE COUNCIL WILL GIVE SIMILAR PERIODIC ATTENTION TO SUBJECTS IT TAKES OVER FROM SUBSIDIARY BODIES.

5. WHY DOES PARAGRAPH 9 SINGLE OUT THE SOS'S WHICH REPLACE THE POPULATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT REGARDING SUBSIDIZED PARTICIPATION BY EXPERTS? WE WANT TO RESTRICT THE SUBSIDIZATION OF EXPERT PARTICIPATION SO THAT THE TOTAL FIGURE DOESN'T EXCEED PRESENT FUNDING LEVELS FOR THIS PURPOSE, BUT WHY NOT UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 157927

SIMPLY MAKE THE MONEY AVAILABLE TO NEEDY COUNTRIES (AS DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARIAT) TO SUBSIDIZE PARTICIPATION BY THEIR EXPERTS AT MEETINGS OF THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES CHOOSING?

6. IN PARAGRAPH 11 (II), HOW OFTEN WILL THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT PLANNING ITSELF MEET? PRESUMABLY, SINCE IT'S LISTED AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE RULE THAT EXPERT GROUPS WILL ONLY MEET ON AN AD HOC BASIS, IT WILL MEET REGULARLY. SAME AS NOW?

7. IN PARAGRAPH 12 (II), SHOULDN'T THE COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL BE ABOLISHED?

8. IN PARAGRAPH 12 (IV), WILL THE PARTICIPATION OF EXPERT ADVISORS IN THE WORK OF THE SOS ON TNCS BE FUNDED BY THE UN?

9. AS REGARDS THE NGO COMMITTEE, ITS MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE INCREASED NOT TO EXCEED 20 MEMBERS AND BE DIVIDED ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES TO REFLECT EXISTING GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION IN THE UN AND THE INTERESTS OF DIF-

FERENT MEMBERS IN NGO RELATED AFFAIRS.

AF: 5; ASIA: 5; LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN: 3; EASTERN  
EUROPE: 2 AND WEO: 5.

10. IS IT CORRECT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBSIDIARY  
BODIES PORPOSED FOR ABOLITION IN THIS PAPER ARE PRESENTED  
AS A PACKAGE, I.E., ALL OR NOTHING? I THINK WE SHOULD  
HOLD OUT FOR A PACKAGE BECAUSE OES AND EB SO FAR HAVE IN-  
SISTED ON THIS AND THEY WILL ONLY ACCEPT THE ABOLITION OF  
COMMISSIONS WHICH INTEREST THEM IF OTHERS GET THE AX TOO.  
I SUSPECT THAT HEW AND PERHAPS TREASURY WILL END UP SAYING  
THE SAME THING.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 STATE 157927

11. PARAGRAPH 22 CLEARLY STATES WHAT THE SECOND REGULAR  
SESSION OF ECOSOC WILL DO EACH YEAR. IS THIS FUNCTION THE  
ONLY FUNCTION OF THE SECOND (SUMMER) SESSION OR WILL OTHER  
BUSINESS BE HANDLED AS WELL? FINALLY, CONFERENCE ROOM  
PAPER NO. 3 IS NOT CLEAR ABOUT WHAT BUSINESS WILL BE HAN-  
DLED IN THE FIRST (SPRING) SESSION EACH YEAR.

12. AS REGARDS THE FORMULA FOR PARTICIPATION BY MEMBER  
STATES OF THE UN IN THE SOS SESSIONAL COMMITTEE (AS PER  
PARAS 20 AND 8), THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES PARTICIPATING  
SHOULD NOT EXCEED 72. IN THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES BEING CON-  
SIDERED FOR ABOLITION THE NUMBER OF STATES REPRESENTED  
WHICH NO LONGER HAVE REPRESENTATION ON THE ECOSOC ITSELF  
AVERAGES 18 MEMBERS. SINCE WE ARE TRYING TO COMPENSATE  
FOR THIS FACTOR BY EXPANDING PARTICIPATION IN THE SOS SES-  
SIONAL COMMITTEES, IT IS REASONABLE TO EXPAND PARTICIPA-  
TION IN THESE SESSIONAL COMMITTEES BY THE SAME FACTOR,  
I.E., 54 18 72.

13. THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR A "SAFETY NET" IN THIS  
DRAFT. WE BELIEVE SUCH A CLAUSE IS ESSENTIAL BECAUSE NO  
A PRIORI ASSURANCE CAN BE GIVEN THAT THE NEW RESTRUCTURED  
ECOSOC WILL FUNCTION BETTER THAN THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT.  
THEREFORE WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD TO  
SEE HOW THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL FUNCTION BEFORE APPROVING  
IT.

VANCE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 21 jun 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE157927  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** JDCASWELL  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780259-0487  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780634/aaaabdip.tel  
**Line Count:** 164  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 46333984-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN IO  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 29 mar 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** N/A  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2260183  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** RESTRUCTURING: COMMENTS ON CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER NO. 3  
**TAGS:** AORG, ECOSOC  
**To:** USUN NEW YORK  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/46333984-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014